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Trusts will continue to increase in number and strength under Republican rule.

A protective tariff helps grow monopolies and trusts which are organized to rob the people.

Democrats have a way of looking after the interests of the masses and giving the people an economical and good government.

In the battle for human rights the plain people must march shoulder to shoulder against further encroachment of greed and gold.

Plutocracy is hard at work trying to create division in the Democratic party. This is done in order to insure the election of officers who are favorable to the interests of the trusts.

The trusts must be checked in their effort to absolutely rule the plain people. In their efforts for supremacy the trusts have the aid and co-operation of the Mark Hanna party.

For years the American people have been favorable to more stringent immigration laws and now we are to get ten million new citizens of a lower type that we have been trying so hard to keep away.

In 1900 the greatest battle of the century will be fought. It will be between the plain people and plutocracy. If the people win all will be well, but should plutocracy be able to buy or steal its way in once more the republic is in danger. Plutocracy is more despotic the greatest tyrant that has ever ruled in the world.

Criminal costs in this State are growing larger and something must be done to reduce the expense along this line. Under our present system many petty crimes are committed by fellows who would rather be in jail than work. A whipping post would stop all this class of crimes and reduce the cost to the state.

For punishing petty criminals there must be some better plan than boarding them in the county jails. This just suits many people and doubtless many petty crimes are committed by worthless people in order that they may have food and shelter without work. This costs the people a large sum of money every year. The whipping post would not be sought, consequently there would be less crime and the expense of caring for petty criminals entirely cut off. It is to say the least, worthy a trial.

Be not deceived by the plutocratic press. If possible, it will stir up strife between the leaders of the people. The people must ever be on guard. The leaders in the movement to further oppress the people by the gold standard, high tariff, imperialism are always at work preparing for the battle. If

the American people are to be a free people the time to begin getting ready for the fight is now at hand. Let us not keep still until the hour for the battle arrives. The forces must be organized as our friends, the enemy, are getting ready for the battle and we must be ready or go down in defeat in 1900 as we did in 1896.

Rabbits.

The rabbit hunt was a success and a failure. The farmers account for it two ways. First, there were in the neighborhood of 6,000 killed in this vicinity last December and then the heavy rains in May and June drowned the little ones in their nests. Ten men were hunting the cotton tails in 1898 where there was one in 1897, but there was not one rabbit this year where there was fifty last, hence the small result. Saline township, Ralls Co. lead this time with 140 bunnies and C. A. Cerafoss, of Warren killed 23, therefore will read the DEMOCRAT the coming year. J. T. Patterson delivered 36 as Shelby County's quota. Indian Creek township, Monroe County brought in 24 and complimented the Burlington Agt., J. L. Lyon, by presenting a half a dozen quail to him. Monroe City did well, it got to the front with 8 rabbits. The result was not what we expected, but all in all the farmers really did better this year than last. Total number was 319.

The most prominent candidate for the position of Official reporter of the House in the Fortieth General Assembly is our own fellow townsman Chas. L. Johnston. Mr. Johnston served in this capacity during the last session of the legislature and made a record for efficiency in the performance of his duties that renders almost certain his re-election to the position. He has received very flattering assurances of support from those members of the House in the Thirty ninth who are re-elected, and these together with the "new" members who will cast their votes for him make him the most formidable candidate for this position in the field. The precedent, so long established, of giving a faithful officer a second term will doubtless operate in this instance to replace Mr. Johnston in the position in which he served the House so well in 1897.—DeKalb Co. Herald.

Chas. L. Johnston is a brother of J. W. Johnston of this city and is well known to the writer as a gentleman in every respect and a working Democrat as he proved his ability to properly and faithfully discharged his duties in the last House, we hope to see him re-elected without any serious opposition. He is a Missourian born and raised and one of the kind that thinks a public office is a public trust and that the holder should do his best to give faithful service for the salary he draws.

The lowest estimate made by any of the Republican papers as to the cost of that little Spanish war is \$250,000,000 without taking into consideration the vast sums that the future and final settlements will call for.

Look out for Prosperity in 1899. One hundred and fifty trusts will surely bring it.

The Reception.

A reception and banquet, which was an epicurean poem, was given Tuesday evening by Alderman J. S. Scott and his estimable wife, to J. M. Johnson, Jr. and bride, nee Miss Mattie Proctor. The evening from any point of view will be remembered by the guests as one of the social events of the city.

The guests of the evening were: J. M. Proctor, Sr., and wife, J. M. Johnson, Sr., and wife, J. M. Proctor, Jr., and wife, D. M. Proctor and wife, Mrs. Z. C. Proctor, of Chicago, John J. Rogers and wife, D. R. Campbell and wife, D. D. Melson and wife, J. A. Melson and wife, Walter Moss and wife, Wm. F. Westhoff and wife, John Ragsdale and wife, Rev. J. H. Riffe and wife, M. Nolen and wife, Wm. M. Medcalf and wife Mrs. Carrie Moore and C. M. Sullivan.

The blushing beauties and belles present were: Misses Virginia Bristow, Mae Ely, Vallie Utterback, Nellie Jackson, Della Harwood, Louise Lyon, Ida Tuley, Anna Boulware, Carolyn McClintic, Carolyn Rogers, Bessie Finley, of Independence, Mo., Virginia Watson, of New London, Susie McElroy, of Rensselaer, Mamie Hallock and Cecelia Strong. The gowns were beyond our ken, it would take a Worth to describe them.

The Beau Brumals who acted as Sir Knights to the fair ladies were: Messrs. T. M. Boulware, W. V. Carson, D. M. Proctor, Harry Norman, of La Grange, Bailey McNutt, of Cornell, University, Jasper McClintic, of Hunnewell, Dr. W. T. Ratledge, Gardner Wade and Wm. Stephens.

An Oklahoma Letter.

NARDIN, OKLA.

Mr. Editor—Find inclosed \$1.00 for which please send us the DEMOCRAT for another year. I cannot do without the DEMOCRAT's visits every week as it brings me so much home news.

As I am an old Monroe girl and my first residence far from home, I will write a few lines in regard to our country. I like every one else who has seen this country think it is beautiful and I just love to live here. We have such a delightful climate, never down to zero here and never muddy but a few hours after a hard rain. And we have real friendly and stylish people for neighbors.

And have such large wheat crops. It looks so beautiful to see the wheat just before and at harvesting time. Wheat is the main crop and generally averages from 55 to 80 bushel to the acre and corn does just as good as wheat and oats has a terrible yield. And as we have all kinds of fruit on our place that bears abundantly and is so nice. I have no desire to say, I would rather live in any other place in the U. S. Of course I love all my friends and relatives in Missouri, but don't care to live there.

Well trusting that you will print my letter that all my friends may see and know just what I think of my new home.

I remain sincerely
MRS. R. B. MCINTIRE, formerly,
Miss WILLIE BROWER.

Major Russell Harrison has been reprimanded by Maj. Gen. Lee for raising old glory over Fort Atares. The U. S. evacuation committee had promised the Spaniards the flag should not float until January 1st,

Market Report.

Hogs	\$3.00 @ 3.25
Cattle	\$3.50 @ 3.75
Sheep	3c @ 4c
Turkeys	6c @ 7c
Geese	4c
Chickens	4 1/2c
Eggs	17 1/2c

Shipments for the week run light, as they usually do Xmas week. Scott & Tooley shipped 2 cars of hogs over the M. K. & T. R. R. and over the Burlington, Judge I. T. Dawson sent 1 car of cattle; Yates, Barger & McClintic 8 cars of hogs and 1 of cattle; Sharp & Gray 1 car of cattle; Wm. Cranston 1 car of cattle to Texas and Handley & Willis 1 car of mules. A total of 15 cars for the week ending yesterday at noon.

Is Afraid.

New York, Dec. 24.—Rear Admiral Sampson says, regarding the work of the Evacuation Commission of which he was a member:

The Commissioners work is practically complete. We have reached a satisfactory agreement upon all points except which I confess is likely to lead to considerable future trouble, but will not lead to a renewal of hostilities. At great length he goes on to show that the trouble he fears will arise over certain "Crown Property" in Cuba. The main feature of the trouble from the Generals point of view, is the transferring of buildings and lands to the church to keep them from the victors.

Combs Indictment Dismissed.

Special Dispatch to the Globe-Democrat.

PARIS, Mo., December 23.—The case of the State vs. O. Combs, ex-County Clerk of Monroe County, was tried before Judge Roy to-day. Combs had been indicted seven times on the charge of forgery. His defense was insanity. While the jury was being impaneled the prisoner became so violent that several men were required to subdue him. After the state finished examining its witnesses ex Gov. Ball, one of the attorneys for the defense, moved to dismiss the case on the ground that the words "against the peace and dignity of the state" had been omitted from the indictments. Judge Roy sustained the motion. Combs was released, but will probably be re-indicted by the next grand jury. He is a son of ex-Surveyor Combs and belongs to one of the most prominent families in Monroe County.

It is not good journalism to copy a bright idea from the Post-Dispatch and say "the St. Louis papers say" etc. The Post-Dispatch is one paper in fact, the paper—and its exchanges should be just when they use its matter.—Post-Dispatch. Just so, the same conclusion here brother.

A. L. Lewellen and family came up from Hannibal to spend the holidays with their many Monroe friends.

Mr. Bradley and wife, of Elsberry, the parents of editor E. J. Bradley spent the first of the week with him.

Sunday will be the gladdist day of 1899 for Cubans. That day will see the end of Spanish rule in the worst and most extravagantly governed country on earth.

When the big ones fall out perhaps the little ones will get justice. Commissioner Gen. Egan is out with blood in both eyes and it is Gen. Miles's scalp he is after. He threatens to prosecute Gen. Miles for libel and also talks of demanding a court-martial. He says: I am not a subordinate of Miles, my reply will be under oath. The Commissary Department did send beef to Tampa and Jacksonville. When it comes to a show down it will be found that one of the two generals has lied and as Egan is standing by the privates instead of the contractors, he may win out.

As a pointer on what there is in corrupt politics here is a sample. Mayor Malster, of Baltimore, Md., in a speech at the Columbian Club announced himself as a candidate for the four year term under the new charter, declared yesterday (Friday) that he had been offered \$250,000 to withdraw. S. R. Mason, the mayor's lieutenant, however said, Mr. Malster had been offered \$200,000 in stocks and \$50,000 in cash. The mayor ought to make known the names of the parties who made the proposition. If a clique can pay \$250,000 to keep a man off the track, there must be at least \$500,000 of slush in it.

You frequently run up against a man who does not take his home proper because he considers it of no account. But just wait until wedding bells ring in his home or crepe hangs on the door and then see how handy the poor, insignificant paper is when he wants a goshing writeup. Oh, no, the paper is no good—until you want a two or three dollar puff gratis.—Democratic Standard.

The Supreme court in the Dred Scott case said: "There is certainly no power given by the constitution to the Federal government to establish or maintain colonies bordering on the United States, or at a distance." Will McKinley try to set aside the Constitution of the United States and a decision of the supreme court.

J. W. Kelley, a veteran of the civil war and a resident of Chillicothe, Mo., has been notified that his pension was stopped. John is out \$12 per month because he drew a pension of that amount for years on account of disability and yet passed the physical examination and enlisted in the American-Spanish war.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 27.—Gov. elect Stanley states that he will not sign the death warrant of John Collins, who was convicted of murdering his father. The reason assigned being: "I do not believe in capital punishment". Mr. Stanley must have known the laws of his state and premeditatedly violated them.

The city of Caracas, Venezuela, does not like the idea of placing its dead in the ground so has drawn plans and specifications for an iron graveyard with a capacity of 25,000 bodies. It will be one hundred feet tall and covered with a fancy dome.

The pension business for the confederate soldier is a generous but too late to amount to anything but another political deal. There will be precious few of them that will apply for McKinley's vote buying deal.